



TESTIMONY
of the
CONNECTICUT CONFERENCE OF MUNICIPALITIES
to the
HOUSING COMMITTEE

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CCM is Connecticut's statewide association of towns and cities and the voice of local governments - your partners in governing Connecticut. Our members represent over 93% of Connecticut's population. We appreciate this opportunity to testify before you on issues of concern to towns and cities.

CCM supports Proposed House Bill 5296, "*An Act Concerning Housing for Homeless Veterans and Their Families.*"

H.B. 5296 would reduce the homeless rate of veterans and families by authorizing the inclusion of housing for veterans in the determination of the threshold for exemption of municipalities from the affordable housing appeals process.

CCM supports all efforts to eliminate homelessness among veterans.

CCM urges the Committee to favorably report on Proposed House Bill 5296.

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